



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held August 14, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“Across the County, approximately 2.1 million meals are served to seniors either at community centers or by home delivery each and every day. It goes without saying that they rely heavily on these meals, and the demand is growing, along with the cost of preparing and providing these meals.

“On June 19, the Board ordered the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back with a plan as to how to address issues within the senior meal program across the County. This is a very positive first step, and I am hopeful that we can resolve the issues through the action resulting from our direction. However, based on the feedback I have been receiving from senior meal providers, there are an abundance of fiscal and contracting issues that create obstacles to making this a streamlined and efficiently run program. While the issues around administering the senior nutrition program in Los Angeles County certainly are complex, the issues raised by the service providers must be clearly understood and appropriate adjustments should be made, in the context of the plan we expect from the CEO on this matter.”

Cynthia Banks, Director of Community and Senior Services responded to questions posed by the Board.

Darrin Dunaway, Associate Director, Human Services Association, and Kurt Kane also addressed the Board.

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer was directed to:

1. Provide a plan by August 20, 2007 to the Board that addresses the Senior Meal Program (Program) and to examine and provide recommendations to resolve the complex fiscal and contracting issues around administering the Program; and develop a stakeholder process that includes representatives from the senior meal providers, to review the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) plan for the senior nutrition program, monitor progress and to provide input to the CEO on a periodic basis; and
2. Work with Federal and State advocates to provide cost-of-doing business adjustments that will alleviate fiscal complexities of administering the Program throughout Los Angeles County.

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